

AGENDA: May 27, 2003

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Community Services

TITLE: Rengstorff House Water Tank House—
Approval of Conceptual Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the conceptual plan for the Rengstorff House water tank house.

FISCAL IMPACT—None. Financed by the Friends of "R" House.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Historically, the water tank house (water storage for household and farm use) was an element of the Rengstorff property and was located adjacent to the house. The tank house can be seen in old photos of the house (Attachment 1—Photographs). When the architectural plans were drawn up for the City's original restoration of the Rengstorff House (House), it was noted on the plans where the water tank house was to be placed (Attachment 2—Architectural Plans).

The primary goal of the Friends of "R" House (Friends) has been to furnish the downstairs interior of the Rengstorff House. During the last year, the Friends have fulfilled this goal and are ready to move on to their next project, the water tank house. Through a bequest from the Leonard Estate, money is now available for this project.

The Friends have secured the services of Henry Wood, Architect, A.I.A. (Attachment 3—Biography), who has developed a conceptual design for the structure (Attachment 4—Conceptual Design). The tank house will be part of the educational interpretation of the Rengstorff House and early times of Mountain View. In conjunction with the "visual" interpretive value, this structure will afford storage space for the many acquisitions acquired by the Friends. The acquisition items are vital for fundraising and decorating the House. At the present time, the Friends have a rented storage space.

A staff report regarding this item (Attachment 5—Staff Report) was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, May 14, 2003. The Commission approved the conceptual plan for the water tank house 4-1 (Bryant no) (Attachment 6—Meeting Minutes).

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SUMMARY

The construction of the water tank house will complete the initial Rengstorff House restoration project according to the architectural plans, provide educational interpretive value to the House and early Mountain View and provide storage space for the necessary items needed by the Friends for fundraising and decorating the House. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the conceptual plan for the water tank house at the May 14, 2003 Commission meeting 4-1 (Bryant no). Pending Council approval of the conceptual plan, the Friends will continue to work with City staff to implement the project and develop a use agreement.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting and notice posted at the Rengstorff House.

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- Attachments:
1. Old Photographs of the Rengstorff House
 2. Architectural Plans for Restoration of the Rengstorff House
 3. Project Architect Biography
 4. Conceptual Design
 5. Staff Report to Parks and Recreation Commission (w/o Attachments)
 6. May 14, 2003 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes